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BOYD HAILS RECORD INCREASE IN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL

Bill includes largest single increase for the VA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), a member of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Committee, today hailed the passage of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2008.

“Providing quality medical care is a promise that we have made to our brave men and women in uniform,” Boyd said. “This bill ensures that we are keeping that promise.”

The legislation provides the VA with a total of \$43.2 billion for medical care, additional claims processing and construction of new medical facilities.

“We must remember that the costs of war include the costs of providing quality healthcare to our returning veterans,” Boyd said. “This bill ensures that we are doing our best to provide that care.”

Additionally, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act enhances accountability to taxpayers by requiring the VA to report on the progress of its construction program.

All of the major veterans groups have strongly endorsed this legislation, including Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the United States Veterans Council.

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